

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Water Rights

MICHAEL R. STYLER Executive Director JERRY D. OLDS State Engineer/Division Director

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David L. O'Brien Douglas R. O'Brien 227 E. 3000 S. Price, Ut. 84501

RE:

Pump Discharge Water Meter

Dear Mr. David L. O'Brien and Mr. Douglas R. O'Brien,

I have be contacted by Mr. Clyde Magnuson, Water Commissioner on Cottonwood Creek which includes Reeder Creek, and Mr. Hal Johnson who is a resident in Reeder Creek and represents Cottonwood Creek Consolidated Irrigation Company, indicating that you have not installed a meter on your pump discharge line that is used to divert water from Reeder Creek. According to statute, Section 73-5-4 every person using water must have a way to measure their diversion of water. Readings from your meter should be provided to Mr. Magnuson or Mr. Johnson annually. This request for your meter reading may be made at the time you receive your annual assessment notice from the Irrigation Company.

With recent changes in the law under Sections 73-2-25, 73-2-26, and 73-2-27 significant penalties could result from your noncompliance. Your cooperation in resolving this matter is in your best interest.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter in more detail, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely.

Mark P. Page Regional Engineer

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cc:

Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer - Distribution Clyde Magnuson, Cottonwood Creek Water Commissioner

Craig Johansen, Cottonwood Creek Distribution System Chairman